वार्षिक संवृद्धि दर 3.90 प्रतिशत रही, आर्थिक संवृद्धि के इन अनुमानों तथा उनकी क्षेत्रकीय संरचना के आधार पर योजना आयोग ने अनंतिम रूप से योजना के प्रथम दो वर्षों में 1.96 प्रतिशत प्रति वर्ष की आर्थिक संवृद्धि तथा 1991-92 के अन्त में 17 मिलियन की तुलना में 1993-94 के अन्त तक 18.5 मिलियन व्यक्तियों की बेरोजगारी का अनुमान लगाया है, योजना के प्रथम दो वर्षों में पाई गई उन्नत रोजगार संवृद्धि से, आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के शेष वर्षों में औसतन 6 से 6.5 प्रतिशत की अर्थव्यवस्था संवृद्धि दर में तेजी आने से योजना के रोजगार लक्ष्यों को प्राप्त कर लिये जाने का अनुमान है।

Major power deficit in the country

871. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the observation made in the recent National Convention of Institution of Engineers anticipating major power deficit by the end of Eighth Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(c) what would be the power deficit by them; and

(d) the manner in which Government propose to meet this power deficit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (d) Based on the capacity addition target of 30,537.7 MW envisaged during the Eighth Five Year Plan, Ministry of Power has anticipated peaking shortage of 20 per cent and energy shortage of 9 per cent. Any shortfall in the capacity addition target will have further deficit in power. However, in order to reduce the gap in the demand and supply, measures being taken are (i) improving the performance of the existing power projects; (ii) reduction in transmission and distribution losses: (iii) demand management: (iv) energy conservation measures: (v) arranging transfer of energy from surplus to deficit area; and (vi) promotion of private sector investment in power sector.

Review of the progress of eighth five Year Plan

872. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has undertaken a review of the progress of the Eighth Five Year Plan, particularly in respect of creation of additional power capacity, power generation, production, investment and employment growth;

(b) if so, what is the outcome of the review made so far and by when this review will be completed and published;

(c) whether a large number of small scale industrial units are in the process of closure and if so, what are the necessary details and reasons therefor; and

(d) to what extent the closure of the aforesaid units is likely to adversely affected the employment opportunities proposed to be generated during the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) In the first year of the Eighth Five Year Plan electric power generation capacity increased by 3537 MW, 301 Bkwh units of po-